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S. RES. 508

Designating October 20, 2006, as “National Mammography Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Day”.

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2006,
212,920 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and
40,970 women will die from that disease;

Whereas it is estimated that about 2,000,000 women were di-
agnosed with breast cancer in the 1990s, and that, in
nearly 500,000 of those cases, the cancer resulted in
death;

Whereas African-American women suffer a 30 percent great-
er mortality rate from breast cancer than White women
and more than a 100 percent greater mortality rate from
breast cancer than women from Hispanic, Asian, and
American Indian populations;

Whereas the risk of breast cancer increases with age, with a woman at age 70 having twice as much of a chance of developing the disease as a woman at age 50;

Whereas at least 80 percent of the women who get breast cancer have no family history of the disease;

Whereas mammograms, when operated professionally at a certified facility, can provide safe screening and early detection of breast cancer in many women;

Whereas mammography is an excellent method for early detection of localized breast cancer, which has a 5-year survival rate of more than 97 percent;

Whereas the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society continue to recommend periodic mammograms; and

Whereas the National Breast Cancer Coalition recommends that each woman and her health care provider make an individual decision about mammography: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates October 20, 2006, as “National
3 Mammography Day”; and

4 (2) encourages the people of the United States
5 to observe the day with appropriate programs and
6 activities.

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